GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF CASHEW BOARD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the establishment of Cashew Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the place where the said Board is proposed to be established;

(c) whether any objection have been received against the establishment of the Cashew Board;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether India produces only half of the demand for cashew;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

g) whether the establishment of Cashew Board is likely to facilitate the boost in production and marketing of cashew; and

h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c-d) Yes, Sir. The objections received are being examined by the Govt.

(e-f) Yes, Sir,India produces approximately half of its requirement of raw cashew nuts. During 2007-08, the domestic production was only 6,66,000 MT against our total requirement of about 12,70,000 MT.

(g-h) Yes, Sir. The establishment of Cashew Board is likely to facilitate the boost in production and marketing of Cashew, as this will bring focused and undivided attention of the Government on the sector.